



Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (IACATA)

Annual General Body Meeting – 2021

Date: 28.02.2021

Time: 02:20 to 05:20 PM

Venue: Virtual meeting on ZOOM platform

Meeting chaired by: President IACATA

On dais (audio & Video on): President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sr. Vice President, Chief Editor ACA.

Participants: Total participants:

1. **Presidential address:** Dr. P K Neema welcomed all the members of IACATA to virtual annual general body 2021 of IACATA. President brought the house to order and asked the secretary to start the meeting.
2. **Approval of the minutes of GBM held at Goa:** The minutes were circulated to all members of IACATA and posted on website also. There were no corrections and minutes were approved by the GBM.
3. **Secretary's report:**
 - a. IACATA website: The website is running without any breakdown and all the information are posted on website regularly.
 - b. IACATA Newsletter: Secretary informed that since the last GBM in Feb. 2020, three newsletters have been published and sent to all IACATA members.
 - c. Certificate of honor: During 2020 GBM, the certificate of honor were presented to past presidents and editors of ACA. As this GBM of 2021 is virtual, the process of presentation was cancelled. During IACTACON-2022 at Madurai, we shall be presenting the certificate of honor to past secretaries, treasurers, registrars ICCA/IERC, Chief editors of ACA/Echo Library, past organizing secretaries of IACATA annual conferences.
 - d. Travelling fellowship:
National Travel fellowship for year 2020: Dr. Gegal Pruthi.
National Travel fellowship for yr. 2021: No applicant. To be advertised again.
International travel fellowship for yr. 2021: Dr. Anuja Kulkarni
All the awardees for previous travel fellowship could not complete because of COVID travel restrictions, the tenure for completion has been extended till Dec. 2021.
 - e. Guideline endorsement: Since last GBM, three guidelines referred to IACATA by ASE for endorsement were reviewed and endorsed by IACATA.
4. **IACATA endorsed Workshops:**

- a. IACTA TEE workshop (NH Bangalore): The workshop was on a virtual platform as 5 days event. There were more than 8000 participants in the conference. The finances of the workshop were displayed and approved by GBM.
- b. TEE workshop at Medanta: The three days workshop was well attended by delegates. The finances of the conference were managed by IACTA central body and were displayed on screen and were approved by GBM.
- c. 3D TEE workshop: Because of Dr. Naman's health reasons, he could not conduct the workshop and shall be organizing the same in near future.

Dr. Prabhat Tewari proposed that we should rotate the IACTA National TEE workshop (held in August every year). GBM resolved that this issue may be taken in next EC as agenda of meeting.

5. **Orations and Lifetime Achievement Award:**

As IACTACON-2021 was on a virtual platform, the orations and lifetime achievement award was not conducted in 2021 conference. The selection process for the year 2022 is complete and EC recommended and GBM approved following names:

Lifetime Achievement Award 2022: **Dr. Anil Sant**

Brig P N Bhatt oration 2022: **Dr. A M Jagadeesh**

Dr. V A Punnoose oration 2022: **Dr. Deepak Tempe**

There was a suggestion regarding the protocol and procedure. The biodata of the person, whose name is proposed, should be provided by the person who is proposing the names. GBM accepted this suggestion and asked secretary to make suitable changes in bylaws for these.

6. **Formation of new Executive Council and certain members of ICCA:**

Secretary informed that as routine, every year person on certain posts of EC and ICCA are changed as they finish their tenure and new persons are elected (either run-opposed or by voting during the GBM). This process required physical voting during GBM as IACTA still don't have online voting system. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic, the GBM was conducted on a virtual platform and physical voting system was not possible. The issue was discussed in details during the mid-term meeting of EC on 20.12.2020. The executive committee approved and proposed following to the GBM:

"The term of existing Executive Council and ICCA board may be extended for one more year. This is in accordance with the section 3.5 of IACTA bylaws which allows one extra year for the executive committee in certain conditions (as COVID-19 pandemic this year)."

The same resolution and the decision of EC was sent to all IACTA members along with the newsletter. There was no objection or suggestion of any alternative way other than the one resolved by EC. Dr. Rajesh proposed that he is ready to handover to any person interested. Same way, there was no objection by anyone during GBM. Even after three requests, there was no objection by anyone, and the chat box was full of many members proposing to pass the resolution. Dr. Alka Mandke proposed the resolution be passed and Dr. Rajesh Chand seconded this. The President declared it approved by GBM. President declared that the same members of EC and ICCA would continue till next GBM in Madurai during IACTACON-2022.

7. **Format of mid-term meeting:** Looking at the ease with which the mid term meeting was done in 2020 December. The discussion and conduct of meeting were as good as physical meeting, secretary

proposed that the mid-term meeting of IACTA and ICCA should be on virtual platform preferably. Secretary proposed that an amount of remuneration of Rs.1000/- per person should be given to ICCA and EC members who attended the mid-term meeting.

8. **Induction of new life members of IACTA:** Since the last GBM on 08.02.2020 at Goa, 61 new life members (starting from CLK1667 (Dr. Devendra Chandoria) to CLS1727 (Dr. Naveen Suda) were approved by GBM as life members of IACTA.
9. **IACTA website:** “Three Brackets” is the service providers and IACTA website is working well. New features will be added to the website like IACTA annual conference videos, editable contact details of members by admin, automated email in contact us section. Possibility of bulk SMS/whatsapp message will be explored.
10. **President’s Trophy for “Best Regional Branch - 2020”:** The point system was taken to calculate the best performing branch. Dr. Harish announced that out of 14 regional branches, “West Bengal IACTA” got the maximum branch and awarded the President’s trophy for “Best regional Branch – 2020”.
11. **IACTA Reform Committee 2020 (phase 3):** IACTA reform committee-2020 phase 3, headed by Dr. Anil Sant, presented the report to IACTA EC. After EC approval, the report was sent to all IACTA members with newsletter for comments and approval. The report was made open for discussion.
Dr. Prabhat pointed that there should not be separate bylaws for ICCA. The house was informed that ICCA bylaws are part of overall IACTA bylaws and always the decision as per IACTA bylaws will supersede over the ICCA.
12. **Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia: Chief Editor’s report:** Dr. Prabhat Tewari informed the successful release of four issues in time. He informed that the new MoU has been signed between IACTA and WKIL as the previous expired in August 2020 for next 5 years and was approved by GBM. The procedure of paying Rs.500/- per month is in place and all members were requested again to join the payment system for print journal.
13. **IACTA Publication committee:** During the mid term meeting in Dec. 2020, a publication committee was formed which is headed by Dr. Uday as Chairman, Dr. Prabhat Tewari as member secretary, Dr. Kumar C, Dr. Rajesh Arya, Dr. Sandeep Mutha, Dr. Manoranjan Sahoo and Dr. Prasanna Salvi as members of the committee. The objective of committee is to look for the progress of ACA and echo library in terms of improving viewership and getting advertisements.
14. **IACTA Bylaw Committee 2020:** Secretary informed that last time IACTA bylaw changes were documented in 2015. A committee was framed headed by Dr. Mukul Kapoor as chairman, secretary IACTA as member secretary, Dr. Thomas Koshy, Dr. Sandeep Mutha, Dr. Talib Khan, Dr. Nedumaran and Dr. Harish Babu as members of the committee. The task of the committee is to prepare a revised document incorporating all the changes in last many years as approved in previous and today’s GBM and present the final document to next GBM and register with the Registrar of Companies (RoC)
15. **IACTA Treasurer’s report: Dr. Sandeep Mutha:**

The financial report of 2019-20:

- a. Closure of bank accounts: The IACTA account at Canara Bank at NH, Bangalore was closed. Also, a current account of IACTA at Pune was closed. The amount balance from these accounts was transferred to IACTA main account.

- b. An issue of long standing Rs.11000/- given by Dr. Poonam Malhotra was returned to her. Also, there were certain items like photocopier machine, desktop computer etc. for a very long time and the depreciation amount was small. There were written off in assets and liability sheet.
- c. All the FDs were shown as they exist on date. Reshuffling of IACTA FDs were done from SBI account (as they attain maturity) to HDFC account as that HDFC bank gives better interest rates than SBI.
- d. IT return for financial year 2019-20 (year ending 31.03.2020): The balance sheet, profit/loss account, liability/asset and the audited report were displayed and read out in details. The successful filling of IT return of financial yr. 19-20 were shown and explained by treasurer. The GBM approved the IT returns and accounts for 2019-20.
- e. Issues related to previous years IT returns: All the IT returns of IACTA of previous years were explained and informed the house that except the one of financial yr. 2016-17 (which is still in process at a higher level at IT dept. by IACTA CA) rest all previous pending issues have been cleared. IACTA CA has been given remuneration for this extra work he did for previous years pending IT returns. All applauded the efforts of our CA and the EC efforts to streamline the accounts of IACTA.

Statement of accounts from 01.04.2020 to 31.01.2021:

- a. Contribution from IACTACON2020 Goa: Out of the profit (after audit of accounts), an amount of Rs.22,40,000/- (twenty two lakhs and forty thousand) was given to IACTA by the organizers. All appreciated the efforts done by Dr. Uday Gandhe, Dr. Vijay Shetty and the entire organizing team of IACTACON-2020 Goa for this.
- b. Income and expenditure: The income and expenditures during the period were displayed and read out by treasurer. Bank interests received from different saving accounts and FD's were shown and read out.

The statement of accounts for a period from 01.04.2020 to 31.01.2021 were approved by GBM.

16. **Report of Registrar, ICCA: Dr. Thomas Koshy** informed that ICCA had extra ordinary meeting and virtual mid-term meeting in 2020. He highlighted the activities at ICCA as following:
- a. **FTEE exam 2020:** Due to COVID pandemic and logistic issues, the FTEE exam was cancelled for the year 2020. Attempts are in progress to conduct FTEE exam in 2021. The information regarding this will be shared through newsletter.
 - b. **FIACTA exam 2020** was conducted successfully and the same would be done in 2021.
 - c. **Paediatric cardiac anaesthesia fellowship (FIACTA-Paediatric)** is started and the guidelines for this have been posted on website. Applications for interested candidates and interested centers for IACTAC (Paediatric) are invited. By now, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore has been approved for FIACTA-pediatric fellowship.
 - d. **ICCA bylaws:** All the rules, regulations, procedures and protocols of ICCA framed and modified from time to time, these have been compiled in a single document. The Chief editor of ACA and Echo Library have been made ex-officio members of ICCA as approved by previous EC meeting. The document as discussed and approved by IACTA EC was displayed. GBM approved it and suggested that reform committee - 2020 phase 3 recommendations as passed in today's GBM should also be incorporated in the final document.

The bylaw document was approved by GBM prospectively i.e., the present structure of ICCA would continue the same till the term of present members completes. Further selection would be made as per the procedure and protocols passed in today's GBM.

17. **IAC TA Echo Library (IEL):** Chief Editor's report: D. Kumar C presented the report on progress on IEL. He informed the three associate new Associate Editors Dr. Hemamalini, Dr. Jeevanandam and Dr. Naresh Kumar. All the three are board certified in TEE and well versed with the working of IEL. He explained new features planned namely "HOW TO DO IT" videos and "Interesting Image of Month". He informed that the process of publication of articles from IEL to ACA is in process. Dr. Kumar thanked Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Deepak Tempe for the tireless work they are doing for the IEL.
18. **IACTACON-2021 (Virtual):** The IACTACON – 2021 has been conducted by IACTA EC and ICCA. There have been 27 lectures in 9 session and an international panel discussion. The organizing team thanked all the delegates, speakers, panelists, moderators and chairpersons, the participating sponsors, and media partner Mediknit and IACTA office staff.
19. **IACTACON 2022:** Dr. S Kumar, organizing secretary, presented a showcase of IACTACON 2022. Dr. Kumar invited all to 25th Annual conference of IACTA, which is organized by IACTA Madurai in association with IACTA Chennai. This would be conducted in Feb. (probable dates are 18th, 19th and 20th Feb. 2022) at JW Marriot Hotel, Madurai. Apart from the standard guidelines of IACTA national conference, statistics will be included in academic program. He showed the list of organizing team. The travel plans to Madurai were shown. The registration form with fee were shown. The accommodation plans and tourist places to visit at Madurai were shown. Dr. Sandeep Mutha suggested to think about hybrid workshop. Dr. S. Kumar showed a video about the IACTACON-2022. Dr. Thomas suggested that we should take a formal decision on protocol of IACTA conference. Secretary informed that we will take this as agenda in next EC meeting.
20. **Issues raised by members in GBM:**
 - a) Dr. Talib Khan: Proposed to start "Fellowship in Thoracic Anaesthesia". President accepted that this issue will be discussed in next EC meeting.
 - b) Dr. Anil Sant: Proposed to start a "Fellowship in Vascular Anaesthesia". President accepted that this issue will be discussed in next EC meeting.
 - c) Dr. Suresh Rao: Proposed to start "ECMO fellowship". President accepted that this issue will be discussed in next EC meeting.
 - d) D. Nitin Patil suggested that we should have regular webinars from central IACTA. All welcomed the suggestion.
 - e) Dr. Mukul informed that we should have global seminar as part of national conference as the IACTACON-2021 has opened a window for international role of IACTA. He suggested that he has proposed fortnight lectures from IACTA which will be on virtual platform. President accepted that this issue will be discussed in next EC meeting.
 - f) Dr. Deshpande asked for further IACTACON: Secretary informed that IACTACON-2022 would be in Madurai, IACTACON-2023 in Jodhpur and IACTACON-2024 would be in Nagpur. All the three organizing secretaries would be informed by IACTA secretariat.
 - g) Dr. Niren Bhavsar Patil asked whether the lectures of IACTACON-2021 will be placed on website. The organizing team of IACTACON-2021 accepted this. The secretary informed that efforts are made to make this a routine feature to post the IACTACON proceeding on IACTA website (www.iacta.co.in), similar to the TEE workshop videos posted on Echo library website www.iactaecholibray.co.in since last two years.

- h) Secretary proposed that there should be a virtual meeting around two weeks before the annual conference and another two weeks after the conference. These meeting would be in addition to the physical meeting of EC on first day and third day of conference. These virtual meetings will provide sufficient time to discuss the issues in detail. The physical meeting of EC on first and third day will continue the same way. The proposal was approved by GBM.

21. Closing remarks by the President IACTA:

President IACTA, Dr. PK Neema, thanked all the IACTA members for participation in annual General Body Meeting and thanked Secretary, Treasurer, ICCA Registrar, Chief editors of ACA and IEL and Regional body coordinator for successful conduct of the 2021 GBM. He thanked the EC and ICCA board for all the excellent work done. He thanked all the committee members for putting efforts to streamline the procedures and protocols. He thanked the entire organizing team of IACTACON-2021 for conducting a very successful virtual conference in a very short notice.

Secretary informed that this meeting will be recorded both audio and video and kept with IACTA office and will be minuted. A detailed minute of the meeting will remain with IACTA office for future reference and a brief summary of the same will be posted on IACTA website after the approval of EC.

The minutes would be presented during next GBM for approval.

President closed the meeting till we meet next.

All stood in respect and recited the National Anthem as it was played along with.